January 12, May 27 and June 6 to end cross border infiltration on a permanent basis, not allow the territory of Pakistan to be used for terrorism anywhere in the world and not to allow any organization to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir.

On June 10, in recognition of these commitments, Government of India had announced the removal of restrictions on over-flights by Pakistani aircraft that had been in place since January 2002, following the attack on our Parliament.

Government have made it clear that end to cross border infiltration and terrorism would create conditions for measures to normalise relations and resume dialogue.

Panic evacuation of foreign citizens

2403. DR.T.SUBBARAMIREDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign diplomatic community and his Ministry are blaming the U.S. Embassy for triggering the panic evacuation of foreign citizens from India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether there is a deep anger in India that U.S. and Britain has encouraged many other countries to follow suit and ask their citizens to leave India;

(c) If so, the steps taken by Government to check this; and

(b) to what extent it has been now reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) A number of countries, including the United States, issued travel advisories for the citizens and officials in the months of May and June, 2002 regarding travel to and stay in India. It is not for Government to speculate on the discussions that foreign governments may have had among themselves or the basis on which the countries decided to issue travel advisories for their citizens.

(c) Government raised the issue of travel advisories with the governments of the concerned countries.

(d) The United States and a number of other countries have since withdrawn the travel advisories to their citizens and officials.

Agreement for Nuclear Arms cut

2404. SHRIK.NATWAR SINGH:
DR.T.SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have reached an agreement for nuclear arms cut;

(b) if so, the features of the agreement; and

(c) to what extent this agreement would help in reducing the tension and arms cut in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Human Rights violation in Jammu and Kashmir

2405. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Foreign Secretary, during his recent meeting with him in New Delhi, had raised the issue of human rights violation in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) UK Secretary of State Mr. Jack Straw, in his press conference after his meeting with EAM praised India's commendable record in establishing human rights machinery, while noting that UK will continue to encourage India to improve the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir including investigation and punishment of abuses.